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AIR FREIGHT DOWN 1.2% IN OCTOBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., November 27--Air freight declined 1.2 percent in October, compared with October, 1984, and was down 8.6 percent for the first 10 months of the year, according to data from 22 airlines reporting cargo traffic to the Air Transport Association.

Domestic air freight in October was down 2.4 percent. Mail was up 4.1 percent. Total domestic air cargo, including freight and mail, declined 1.0 percent.

In international air freight service in October, the U.S. airlines reported a slight gain of 0.3 percent. Mail was up 1.7 percent. Total cargo rose 0.5 percent.

Domestic air freight in the first 10 months fell 10.7 percent. Mail rose 3.0 percent, and total cargo was down 7.7 percent.

International air freight for U.S. carriers in the first 10 months declined 5.7 percent. Mail volume fell 1.6 percent. Total cargo was down 5.2 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
OCTOBER 1985	327,254	96,792	424,046	284,678	37,341	322,019	611,932	746,065
OCTOBER 1984	335,333	92,977	428,310	283,760	36,707	320,467	619,093	748,777
PERCENT CHANGE	(2.4)	4.1	(1.0)	0.3	1.7	0.5	(1.2)	(0.4)
10 MONTHS 1985	2,843,610	924,137	3,767,747	2,218,845	324,348	2,543,193	5,062,455	6,310,940
10 MONTHS 1984	3,184,194	896,848	4,081,042	2,353,468	329,621	2,683,089	5,537,662	6,764,131
PERCENT CHANGE	(10.7)	3.0	(7.7)	(5.7)	(1.6)	(5.2)	(8.6)	(6.7)

NOTE: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Frontier, Hawaiian, Northwest, Ozark, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Republic, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.